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In re Application of

Beck, et al.

Application No. 10/001,756

Filed: October 24, 2001

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DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed April 24, 2006.

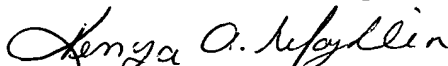
The petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **granted**.

This application was held abandoned on November 10, 2005, after it was believed that no response was received to the non-final Office action mailed August 9, 2005. The notice allowed a period for reply of three (3) months from its mailing date. Extensions of the time set for reply were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 27, 2006, indicating that a reply to the non-final Office action was not received.

A review of the record did reveal an amendment filed November 8, 2005, that was responsive to the non-final Office. Based on the aforementioned, it appears that the application was improperly held abandoned as a response was received prior to expiration of the period for reply. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn, accordingly.

Further inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

The application file is being forwarded Technology Center 1700, GAU 1752, for further processing.


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